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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2009, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Inasmuch as the initial due date for response was set for April 26, 2009, Applicants file with this response a Request for One-Month Extension of Time and required fee. If any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.